

## **Public Service Announcement**

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### **A new era in conservation is occurring with the Conservation Security Program (CSP)**

CSP was authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill to reward farmers and ranchers who are implementing conservation on America's working lands.

CSP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to promote the conservation and improvement of soil, water, air, energy, plant and animal life, and other conservation purposes on Tribal and private working lands.

Working lands include cropland, grassland, prairie land, improved pasture, and range land, as well as forested land that is an incidental part of an agriculture operation. The program is available in all 50 States, the Caribbean Area and the Pacific Basin area. The program provides equitable access to benefits to all producers, regardless of size of operation, crops produced, or geographic location.

To find out if you are eligible for CSP, stop by your local USDA Service Center and visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office.

For more information on the Conservation Security Program contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office, or go to [www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov).

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